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Application Number 09/465,131

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Filing Date	December 16, 1999
First Named Inventor	RAJAGOPALAN, Sarathy
Group Art Unit	2859
Examiner Name	Yaritza Guadalupe
Attorney Docket Number	99-099/RCE 65611

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filling a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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a. Previously submitted						
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on						
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rep	ply Brief previously filed on					
iii. 🗖 Other						
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b. Other						
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